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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicants : Minoru KUMAGAI et al
Serial No. : 10/716,885
Filed : November 18, 2003
For : DISPLAY APPARATUS, AND DISPLAY
APPARATUS MANUFACTURING METHOD
AND APPARATUS
Art Unit : 1762
Examiner : LIN, James
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RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 27,
2007, the term for response to which expires on March 27, 2007.

FIRST ELECTION:

Applicants elect Invention II, claims 9-19, without
traverse.

SECOND ELECTION:

Since Invention II was elected, Applicants elect Species I,
Figs. 5A-6C, with traverse. The claims readable on Invention II
and Species I are claims 9-12, 14 and 16-19.

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TRAVERSE OF SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT:

Applicants traverse the Examiner's requirement to elect Species I or Species II (item 7 on page 3 of the Office Action) on the grounds that it has not been established that it would be an undue burden to examine each of the noted Species and their respective claims together.

Under M.P.E.P. § 803, a Restriction is not proper if a search and examination can be made without a serious burden on the Examiner, and the outstanding Restriction Requirement with respect to Species I and Species II has not established that examining all of the currently-pending elected claims 9-19 (directed to elected Invention II) together would result in an undue burden on the Examiner. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 9-19 (which include Species I and II) should be examined together on the merits.

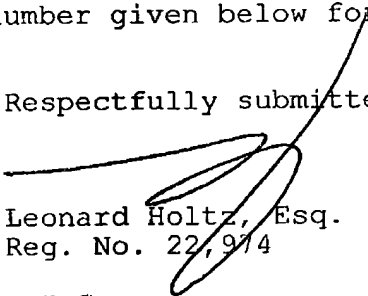
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect Species I or II be withdrawn. It is further respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

March 27, 2007


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